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Inventor : **Bertram V. Burke**
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For : **Voucherless Rebate System**
Art Unit : **3622**
Examiner : **Jean D. Janvier, Tel 703-308-6287, Fax 703-746-7238**

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the January 29, 2004 Office Action, please amend the specification and claims of this application as shown on the attached sheets.

Claims 1 to 46 remain in the application.

Applicant has adopted the Examiners suggestion on page 2 of the Action for amending the specification.

With respect to the claims, applicant has removed language originally suggested by the Examiner in the Office Action of November 21, 2002. The language mentioned by the Examiner is directed to a CD as set forth in In re Beauregard 53 F.3d 1583 (Fed. Cir. 05/12/1995). The PTO Examination Guidelines For Computer-Related Inventions show